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New Funding Supports Yukon Arts and Cultural Projects

WHITEHORSE – The Arts Fund is providing $188,000 in funding to 17 projects designed to promote the arts and enhance the well-being of Yukoners throughout our communities, announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

The preservation and promotion of arts and culture contributes to both the social and economic well being of Yukon," Taylor said. "I am pleased that this final intake for 2007 was able to accommodate a larger number of eligible requests due to the increase for arts funding announced last fall. The Yukon government recognizes that artistic excellence requires innovative thinking, experimentation and community participation, all of which are supported by the Arts Fund."

Les Essentielles received $1,000 for their project "International Women's Day Artistic Celebration." President Louise-Hélène Villeneuve stated: "We are pleased that our project Reconnaissance des femmes du monde à Whitehorse was chosen. This project, celebrating International Women's Day 2008, provided an opportunity to four women of different cultures to perform on stage recently, celebrating the talent and strength of women in our society."

The Arts Fund is an applicant-driven funding program that supports artists and communities in creative endeavours such as festivals, events, training, and art creation in all forms. The fund is adjudicated

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four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council in an arms-length process.

For information on the Arts Fund contact the Fund Administrator at 667-3535, or 1-800-661- 0408 ext. 3535, or email **artsfund@gov.yk.ca**.

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List of Arts Fund December 2007 recipients attached.

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	Applicant	Name of Project	Project Description	$ Amount Allocated
	All City Concert Band	2008 Senior Band Festival	To take the Senior Concert Band Society to Kemptville and Ottawa, Ontario to perform concerts singly and with other bands (including a mass band event) and to receive workshops from master clinicians and the National Arts Centre	

1	Society	Trip	Orchestra	10,000.00
2	Anvil Range Arts Society	Arts Program at 2008 Sheep & Crane Festival	To present public arts and crafts workshops geared to family and a small gala to promote Faro's arts and crafts people	2,000.00
3	ArtsNet Society	ArtsNet Magazine	To produce Yukon's only full colour arts and culture magazine featuring Yukon editorial content, an arts programming guide; and territory wide distribution	18,000.00
4	Burlesque:101	Burlesque:101 Cabaret	To present a comedic and satirical show in the tradition of burlesque theatre	24,000.00
			Three Yukon visual artists will tour through three countries taking part in five international juried snow sculpture competitions	

5	Canadian Snow Sculpture Team	Canadian Snow Sculpture Team Tour	as well as hosting a local competition to gain valuable experience, demonstrate their expertise in their chosen field, and train new snow carvers	10,000.00
6	Fiddle Kids	Fiddle Kids Create	Veteran Fiddle Kids will create their own show facilitated by an Artistic Director and professional artists	11,000.00
7	Les Essentielles	International Women's Day Artistic Celebration	To present an artistic celebration of women on International Women's Day 2008	1,000.00
8	Link Dance Foundation Society	Breakfast Dance Research and Creation	To research and create the framework for the 'Breakfast Dance', a series of dance performances that introduces contemporary dance to community audiences.	5,000.00
9	Lorne Mountain Community Association	Wildwood Festival 2008	To present a festival celebrating 'the Art of Fine Food', through presentations of food, music, drama, and dance.	4,000.00

10	Society for Education and Culture	Winterfest Event Series 2008	To present and produce a series of arts events and performances in Haines Junction	4,000.00
11	Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry	Yukon First Nations Art Festival	To present an 8-day multi-disciplinary Art Festival to be held in Shipyards Park in June, 2008	30,000.00
12	Suzuki Strings Association Yukon	SSAY Violin Lessons - Winter Session 2008	To support the ongoing musical education, mentorship, and performance training for the Yukon violin community	3,600.00
13	Yukon Arts Centre	Downtown Whitehorse Arts Invigoration	To present a festival of Yukon portraits and a series of art workshops that will enhance the cultural life of downtown Whitehorse	13,000.00
14	Yukon Art Society	YAS Community Arts Education & Presentation Program 2008	To present creative professional development workshops for artists, cultural employment for artists, and free public performance and visual arts demonstrations	20,000.00
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15	Yukon Dance Ensemble	Creation Based Residency with Mocean Dance	three weeks of dance creation, performance, touring, and outreach activities to increase the visibility of dance in the Yukon	11,000.00
16	Yukon Film Society	Picturing the Yukon DVD Anthology	To support the production and dissemination of Yukon produced film and media art on a DVD in Geist magazine, supported by three exhibition events in three cities	7,000.00
17	Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp 2008	To present a summer music program to enhance and promote music skill development for Yukon Musicians	15,000.00
			TOTAL	**$188,600.00**